

CHART 06

THE GRADUAL PROCESS OF ELIMINATING IGNORANCE IN DEPENDENCE ON THE (HEARER AND SOLITARY REALIZER'S) HINAYANA PATHS

The (middling) Hinayana path of accumulation	The Hinayana path of preparation	The Hinayana path of seeing	The Hinayana path of meditation	The Hinayana path of no-more-learning
Hearers and Solitary Realizers generate an awareness that, in dependence on a correct reason, realizes emptiness conceptually. This conceptual consciousness is unable to eliminate any delusions.	Hearers and Solitary Realizers generate an awareness that is a union of calm abiding and special insight and realizes emptiness conceptually. This conceptual consciousness, despite being strengthened by calm abiding, is still unable to eliminate any delusions.	Hearers and Solitary Realizers generate an awareness that is a meditative equipoise and realizes emptiness directly. This meditative equipoise (realizing emptiness directly) eliminates the <i>intellectually acquired</i> ignorance and the delusions induced by that ignorance. ⁽¹⁾	Having eliminated intellectually acquired ignorance etc., meditative equipoises (realizing emptiness directly) gradually eliminate the <i>innate</i> ignorance and the delusions induced by that ignorance.	Having eliminated ignorance and other delusions, Hearers and Solitary Realizers reach Nirvana and become Arhats.

THE GRADUAL PROCESS OF ELIMINATING IGNORANCE AND ITS IMPRINTS IN DEPENDENCE ON THE MAHAYANA PATHS

The (middling) Mahayana path of accumulation	The Mahayana path of preparation	The Mahayana path of seeing	The Mahayana path of meditation										The Mahayana path of no-more-learning
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Bodhisattvas generate an awareness that, in dependence on correct reasons, realizes emptiness conceptually. This conceptual consciousness is unable to eliminate any delusions.	Bodhisattvas generate an awareness that is a union of calm abiding and special insight and realizes emptiness conceptually. This conceptual consciousness, despite being strengthened by calm abiding, is still unable to eliminate any delusions.	Bodhisattvas generate an awareness that is a meditative equipoise and realizes emptiness directly. This meditative equipoise (realizing emptiness directly) eliminates the <i>intellectually acquired</i> ignorance and the other delusions induced by that ignorance. ⁽¹⁾	Having eliminated intellectually acquired ignorance etc., meditative equipoises (realizing emptiness directly) gradually eliminate the <i>innate</i> ignorance and the other delusions that are induced by that ignorance.							Having eliminated innate ignorance etc., meditative equipoises (realizing emptiness directly) gradually eliminate the <i>imprints</i> of the intellectually acquired and innate ignorance as well as the <i>imprints</i> of the other delusions induced by those two types of ignorance.			Having eliminated ignorance, the delusions induced by ignorance, and all the imprints, the Bodhisattvas become fully enlightened, omniscient Buddhas.

⁽¹⁾ Please note that during the path of seeing it suffices to generate a meditative absorption once in order to eliminate the *intellectually acquired* ignorance etc. However, on the path of meditation the meditator has to repeatedly generate meditative absorptions which gradually eliminate the *innate* ignorance etc.